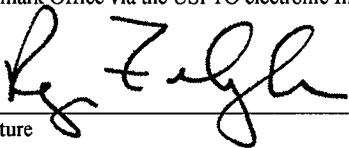


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In response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006, Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.